

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may console and comfort the family and
3 friends of Sophia Williams, who departed this life on February 14,
4 2005, at the age of 92; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan whose hometown was Troup, the former
6 Sophia Hawkins was born on February 25, 1912, to Jim and Mattie
7 Hawkins, and grew up in a close-knit family that included five
8 sisters and four brothers; she attended Central High School and
9 pursued her higher education as a student at the St. Louis School of
10 Nursing; and

11 WHEREAS, She married Nathan Williams, and together they
12 enjoyed a fulfilling marriage until his passing; nurturing and
13 caring toward her loved ones, Mrs. Williams held the respect and
14 affection of her nieces and nephews as well as their children, in
15 whom she took great pride; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a woman of deep religious
17 conviction throughout her life; a congregant of Pleasant Green
18 Baptist Church in her childhood, she later united with College Hill
19 Baptist Church in Tyler, where she became involved in the
20 Missionary Society; she joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church in
21 Tyler in 1993 and served her church as a deaconess and a member of
22 its Community Service Organization; and

23 WHEREAS, Sophia Williams was truly a blessing in the lives of
24 countless people, and her memory will long be held dear in the

1 hearts of all those who were privileged to have known her; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sophia Williams of
5 Tyler and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to
6 her nieces, Clynthia A. Austin, Beverly Erskine, Violet Hawkins,
7 Jacqueline Hawkins, Dr. Gloria Hawkins, Doris "Dot" Hawkins
8 Williams, Bernice Jones, Evelyn Jones, and LaMartha Jones; to her
9 nephews, Everett Hawkins, Howard "Sonny" Hawkins, Winston "Pete"
10 Hawkins, Everton Hawkins and his wife, Beulah, and Jesse W. Jones
11 and his wife, LaBelle; to her grandnieces and grandnephews,
12 including Linda Edwards, Glynda Williams, Shesheko Washington, and
13 Tamiko Sargent; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sophia
18 Williams.

Davis of Dallas
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H.R. No. 478

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 478 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House